

MBA

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MBA LEADS STATE AGAIN IN PERCENTAGE OF MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Twelve MBA students were selected for recognition as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, and MBA led the State of Tennessee once again in the percentage of seniors so recognized. Over one million students were entered in the competition through the administration of the Scholastic Aptitude Test. 15,000 of those students taking the test across the country were selected to receive the Semifinalist status. The MBA young men will now enter the Scholarship competition.

We congratulate Rob Barrett, Tom Benning, David Chen, Burt Fulmer, Charles Hewgley Jay Knowles, Robb Ludwick, Chris Moulton, Bill Penuel, Todd Wise, and Stephen Witt. Another student was accorded the honor but he left MBA at the conclusion of the last academic year.

Another group of students will be selected as Commended Students by the National Merit Corporation. These are young people who scored very high on the PSAT but fell just below the cutoff for National Merit Semifinalists.

We are particularly proud of the above-mentioned young men since the cutoff score for the State of Tennessee was increased this year.

SERVICE CLUB INDUCTS MEMBERS

One of MBA's most important organizations is the Service Club. Members of the Service Club are called on throughout the year to assist in a number of service projects. The projects may be on the MBA campus or in the community. In recent years, MBA has extended its service arm increasingly to the community, and our boys are being called on often to assist organizations who serve various groups in the community.

The officers for 1987-1988 are: President--Edgar Bueno; Vice President--Seth Asher; Secretary/Treasurer--John Israel; Sargent-at-arms--Jay Riven. The newly installed members of the Service Club are: Rob Archer, Will Van Derveer, David Frederiksen, Kurt Gilliland, Chas Hewgley, Jim Hippe, Richard Speight, Chad Enders, Worcester Bryan, Bill Cherry, Frank Drowota, Greg Downer, Chet Frist, Richard Gann, Brad Griffin, Chris Hall, Rhoads Hall, Jonathan Harwell, Lanson Hyde, Jon Nameth, Brooks Smith, Mark Levine, Dan Brooks, Billy Crawford, Renard Francois, Kevin Kruse, Caleb Ludwick, and Mauro Mastrapasqua.

We thank the Service Club for their many hours of labor.

ROB HOWELL #1 IN THE NATION

Rob Howell received, this summer, his certificate on the National Spanish Examination administered by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. He was honored for being the #1 student in the United States at his particular level of Spanish fluency. We commend Rob for this honor.

JONATHAN REEVE RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR

Jonathan Reeve, MBA junior, was selected as one of thirty-seven high school students in the nation to win a Younger Scholarship Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The \$1800 grant supported his summer research project on populism, a subject he became interested in while doing research for the debate team on agricultural policy. We congratulate Jonathan.

PIETER FOSTER RECEIVES THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

The Eagle Scout Award represents qualities of character and values that are important for a lifetime. We congratulate every MBA young man who has the commitment, the loyalty, and the determination to achieve this high honor. On August 10 of this summer, Pieter Foster received his Eagle Award. Please let us know if others have been so honored.

JIM WOMACK IS RECOGNIZED LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY IN ART HISTORY

Jim Womack, the MBA Art and Art History instructor, has received more and more recognition for his work and expertise in Art History. For several years, Jim has served as a reader for the Advanced Placement Art History Examination. In so doing, he joins with other teachers for six days in June evaluating all of the AP Art History test booklets.

Recently, Jim was singled out to participate in the writing of a Teacher's Guide to Advanced Placement courses in Art History, and his contribution to the book was most impressive. He will be leading workshops in various regions this fall--workshops for Advanced Placement Art History teachers.

Jim is "not a prophet without honor in his own country" as he has been asked to lead a workshop for all Metro art teachers to discuss the importance of the study of the history of art. Congratulations, Jim!

ANNE CHRISTESON ATTENDS NATIONAL ENDOWMENT INSTITUTE

This past summer, Anne Christeson attended an Institute sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities at Tufts University in Boston entitled "Vergil and the Augustan Age." Thirty-six teachers of Latin and English were selected from throughout the nation to participate. Those in the Institute received all of their expenses and a stipend.

The Institute focused on the historical, cultural, and political context of the period in Roman history when the poet Vergil wrote his great epic "The Aeneid." Each day visiting scholars presented background material on the period, followed by small group discussions among the teachers. Afternoons were devoted to lectures on the art and architecture of the period with visits to museums in the area.

The National Endowment for the Humanities sponsors two follow-up seminars during the course of the coming twelve months at which papers will be presented.

In addition to being a Latin and English scholar, Mrs. Christeson is a harp instructor and adjunct artist at Blair School of Music.

MICHAEL KEMP HAS BUSY SUMMER

Michael Kemp, MBA maestro of the chorus, took 72 members of the Youth Choir from Westminster Presbyterian Church on a tour of Canada, presenting concerts in Toronto, Milton, Montreal, and Ottawa, as well as giving the youth a master class at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

Mr. Kemp later served as the adult choral clinician for two national music workshops as well as one for youth choirs and their directors. Mr. Kemp was responsible for preparing and conducting the adult chorus made up of 400 professional choir directors presenting a full concert at the end of each week. Moreover, he lectured on a number of choral matters, including recruiting and building a choral program. (He could well use his great work at MBA as an example.)

Later this fall, Mr. Kemp will be studying choral repertory with a world authority, particularly in the area of Bach cantatas.

MBA CHORUS QUICKLY BECOMES A TRADITION UNDER THE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC AND ABLE LEADERSHIP OF MICHAEL KEMP

The MBA Chorus is off and running with the boundless enthusiasm of the irrepressible director and his very able accompanist, Mrs. Marian Ross, with 50-plus dedicated students. Because of the interest in the chorus, Mr. Kemp held tryouts early this year. During this time he spelled out his expectations for attendance and participation--the disciplines that are necessary for a successful chorus.

There is no doubt that we shall all be extraordinarily pleased with the MBA Chorus of 1987-1988.

DEBATERS

In Mid-September, the MBA debaters participated in the William Faulkner Classic Forensic Tournament at the University of Mississippi. Twenty-three schools representing six southeastern states, competed in the two-day event.

MBA successfully defended both its varsity debate sweepstakes award as well as its varsity team award. The MBA team of Tom Rogers and Braxton Perkins compiled a total of 17 winning ballots and no losses and defeated Isadore Newman of New Orleans in semifinals and New Orleans Jesuit in finals to claim the varsity victories. Braxton Perkins was named the first-place debater for the individual honors.

In the novice division, the team of David Strayhorn and Craig Davis finished second, with Craig taking second place in individual novice honors and David placing third. Meanwhile, the tournament's first-place novice debater was MBA's Babu Parachuri.

In the individual events area, Brad Griffin reached the finals in humorous interpretation among the 40 entries and placed third in the final round.

Team Captain Tom Rogers was presented the first-place debate sweepstakes plaque and the second overall sweepstakes award at the awards ceremony.

Congratulations, debaters!

MBA DEBATE TEAM SECOND IN MAJOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The MBA debate team competed in the Earlybird Classic Debate Tournament at Wake Forest University recently. In one of the strongest fields of the semester, the MBA debating team composed of Braxton Perkins and Tom Rogers emerged as the second-place team. The other MBA-varsity unit composed of Burt Fulmer and Jay Kahlon placed fifth. With over ninety teams from twenty states competing, the varsity debaters scores unanimous victories over traditional rivals Bronx Science of New York, Lake Braddock of Virginia, and Pace Academy of Georgia.

Meanwhile, in the junior varsity division, Jonathan Reeve and Eugene Park placed third, with Jonathan being named the top junior varsity debater of the tournament. The novice division of Craig Davis and John Hays ended up placing second overall in their division after losing a split decision in the finals. Both the junior varsity and the novice units were undefeated in preliminary competition, each compiling a record of six wins and no defeats.

TRIBUTE GIVEN TO FACULTY AND BOARD MEMBERS WITH 25 YEARS-PLUS SERVICE

During the KICKOFF '87 celebration, twenty members of the MBA community were honored for having given so generously of themselves to MBA for twenty-five or more years. Members of the Faculty and the Board of Trustees were thanked for their commitment to the school, their devotion to its principles, and their loyalty. Mr. Joe Davis, Chairman of the Board, presented certificates of appreciation to the following: Harold W. Clark, Thomas L. Cummings, Jr., Brownlee O. Currey, Jr., Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Sr., Horace G. Hill, Jr., William P. Hoffman, Jr., Morton B. Howell, E. Bronson Ingram, D.E. Motlow, Vernon H. Sharp, Sr., John E. Sloan, Sr., James E. Ward, David K. Wilson, John R. Bennett, Virginia M. Hollins, Virginia S. Liles, Mary Helen Lowry, Frank G. Novak, Tommy Owen, and James A. Poston.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS EMPHASIS OF MOTHERS AUXILIARY

As a result of the growing and very positive involvement of MBA students and parents in the community of Nashville, the Mothers Auxiliary has established an Auxiliary Community Awareness Chairman. She is Nancy Dunkerley (292-8502) who has asked that every parent be reminded of two important events occurring in the near future--events that would be time well spent for each MBA parent.

The Parents Council of Nashville is sponsoring a seminar featuring Dr. William Schaffner, Chief of Infectious Diseases, and Dr. John Greene, Adolescent Psychiatrist, (both from Vanderbilt School of Medicine) who will speak on "Sexually Transmitted Diseases." The seminar will be held in conjunction with the fall Parents Council meeting on October 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the library at Harding Academy. Everyone is welcome!

OPERATION C.A.N. (Chemical Awareness in Nashville) has invited Betsy Houghton, a national spokesperson for the parental role in drug prevention and intervention, to speak at a conference in Nashville on October 26 and 27 at Woodmont Christian Church. Her presentation will deal with organizing parents into an effective network of support, "A SURVIVAL KIT FOR PARENTING IN THE '80's and '90's." On Monday, October 26, Ms. Houghton's focus will be for kindergarten--6th grade parents; and on Tuesday, October 27, her focus will be for 7th-12th grade parents. Both programs begin at 7:30 p.m. and are open to everyone. Operation C.A.N. will also be sponsoring a four-day community intervention workshop on "Facilitating Student Support Groups" on October 12-15 at the Teacher Center. Pre-registration is necessary for this workshop.

INVITATION FROM BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Brentwood High School has issued an invitation to all who might be interested to attend their Homecoming Pre-Game Dinner on Friday October 2 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the school. There will be plenty of tables outside and Whitt's Bar-B-Q with cole slaw, baked beans, and dessert being offered at \$4.00 per person. Tickets available that night.

COLLEGE COUNSELING HANDBOOK DISTRIBUTED TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS

A very thorough college counseling handbook written by MBA's Director of College Counseling, Mary Comfort Stevens, was distributed to the parents of juniors and seniors at last week's Parents' Night. If you were unable to attend Parents' Night, a book is awaiting you in the main office. The book is an excellent source book to read and discuss with your son. We hope you will find the answers to many of your questions.

Parents of juniors are also encouraged to give careful thought to the upcoming spring break college tour. This is a wonderful (and economic) way for our eleventh graders to see a variety of fine schools in a short period of time. Please send back the response sheet attached to the letter you received at Parents' Night or contact Mary Comfort Stevens at 298-5514.

Below is the schedule for the dates and deadlines of the SAT, ACT, and Achievement Tests for 1987-1988.

TESTING CALENDAR AND TIPS 1987-1988

M.B.A.'s School Code: 431710

TEST DATE	TEST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE
October	PSAT	(in school)	(in school)
October 24	ACT	9/25	10/13
November 7	SAT/ACH	10/2	10/14
December 5	SAT/ACH	10/30	11/11
December 12	ACT	11/13	12/1
January 23	SAT/ACH	12/18	12/30
February 27	ACT	1/29	2/16
March 19	SAT <u>only</u>	2/12	2/24
April 16	ACT	3/18	4/5
May 7	SAT/ACH	4/1	4/13
June 4	SAT/ACH	4/29	5/11
June 11	ACT	5/13	5/31
(throughout May)	AP exams	(in school)	(in school)

MBA ATHLETIC TEAMS SCORE MULTIPLE SUCCESSES

The MBA football teams, cross country teams, and golf team have found many successes this fall. The number of wins have been impressive, as always, but more important are the number of young people who are participating on team sports. We have quite large varsity teams as well as microbe, freshman, and junior varsity teams. A good number of key individuals are underclassmen who are responding very favorably to senior leadership on the teams.

I hope parents will pin the attached athletic schedule to a conspicuous place, and, if possible, attend some of our athletic events. Your presence is appreciated and means a great deal to our boys.

FALL ATHLETIC SCHEDULE 1987-1988

1987-88	FOOTBALL				CROSS COUNTRY			GOLF
DATE	VARSITY	J.V.	FRESHMAN	MICROBE	VARSITY	J.V.	MICROBE	VARSITY
SEPT. 1 Tue								Ryan 2:45
2 Wed								Hillsboro 2:30
3 Thur								Overton 2:30
4 Fri	White Creek @ MBA 7:30							
7 Mon		White Creek @ " 4:00						
9 Wed								Nash, Christian 3:00
10 Thur			Stratford @ " 4:00	Exell Harding @ MBA 4:00				Pearl-Cohn 2:45
11 Fri	Beech @ " 7:30							
14 Mon		Beech @ MBA 4:00						Goodpasture
15 Tue					Hillsboro SEC			Hendersonville @ Bluegrass
17 Thur				BGA @ BGA 4:00			BGA, Brentwood, MBA @ Brentwood A. 3:45	Glenciff 3:00
18 Fri	Overton @ " 7:30		White Creek @ MBA 3:30					
19 Sat					TN Classic @ Steeplechase 2:00			
21 Mon		Overton @ MBA 4:00						Franklin 3:00
22 Tue					Franklin, USN @ SEC 4:30			
23 Wed								Lipscomb 3:00
24 Thur			Ryan @ MBA 4:00				Ensforth, BGA, MBA @ MBA 3:45	FRA 3:00
25 Fri	Cookeville @ MBA 7:30							Ryan, Notre Dame @ N. Horton
26 Sat					A.F. Bridges Inv. 4:00			
28 Mon			Hillsboro @ MBA 4:00		Steeplechase			Goodpasture @ Bluegrass 3:00
29 Tue						SEC @ 4:10		Exell Harding 3:00
OCT 1 Thur					Gallatin Inv. @ Vol. State 4:00			Hillwood 3:00
2 Fri	Brentwood High @ " 7:30							
3 Sat								Knox Hall, Greenville, Turner @ Knoxville
5 Mon		Brentwood High @ MBA 4:00			Dickson Cy @ " 4:00	with varsity		District @ McCabe
6 Tue					Hillwood, Pearl Cohn @ SEC	with varsity		
8 Thur			Pearl/Cohn @ MBA 4:00	Northside @ MBA 4:00			HVAC Championship @ Brentwood Acad.	
9 Fri	Hillwood @ MBA 7:30							
12 Mon		Hillwood @ 4:00			Tue Oct. 13 David Lipscomb 4:10	Tue Oct. 13 David Lipscomb 4:10		
15 Thur			Hillsboro @ 4:00	Ensforth @ 4:00				
16 Fri	Ryan @ MBA 7:30							
19 Mon		Ryan @ MBA 4:00			Metro Championship with @ Steeplechase 4:00	varsity		
20 Tue								State @ Henry Horton
21 Wed								
22 Thur			Overton @ " 4:00					
23 Fri	Pearl/Cohn @ 7:30			Page @ MBA 4:30				
26 Mon		Pearl/Cohn @ MBA 4:00						
29 Thur					Regional Meet @ Steeplechase 4:00	with varsity		
30 Fri	Hillsboro @ " 7:30							
Nov Sat 7					State Meet @ Steeplechase	10:00 a.m.		